

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021 – 9 AM

AS WE GATHER Today, Peter and John testify to God’s love with a demonstration of power by the healing in Christ’s name a man lame from birth. When entering the temple Luke records in the book of Acts “While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?” The next day as Peter and John were being questioned, Peter responded boldly by the power of the Holy Spirit “Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” May we too proclaim Christ as Savior!

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME “This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it.” *Psalm 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” *LSB 549 vs. 1-4*



1 All hail the pow’r of Je - sus’ name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is-rael’s cho-sen race, Ye ran-somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid’s line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4-5; 16:11b

P: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

C: Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.

P: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You've shown.

C: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord, we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

C: and give thanks to His holy name.

P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

LSB 549 vs. 5-7



5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

**6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.**

**7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together. **O almighty and eternal God, You have assured us of the completion of our forgiveness and new life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. You call us Your children through the waters of Baptism and give us eyes to see Your love in Your only-begotten Son. Give us the will to show forth in our lives the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:1–4:20

(Peter and John heal a lame man from birth; Peter preaches salvation through Christ.)

L: ¹Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. ¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. ²²Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. ²³And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' ²⁴And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. ²⁵You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' ²⁶God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness." ¹ As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today

concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” ¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” ¹⁸So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” ²¹And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. ²²For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1–7

(Because of God's great love for us in Christ, we are His children now, but the best is yet to come when we shall see Him as He is in purity restored like him.)

L: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;

C: and so we are.

L: The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now,

C: and what we will be has not yet appeared;

L: but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

C: And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

L: Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you.

C: Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36–49

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Amid disciples' doubts, the resurrected Christ affirms the fulfillment of God's Word.)

P: ³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a

piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus"

LSB 729 vs. 1-6



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
 2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
 3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
 4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
 For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
 Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
 Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

- 5 **I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.**
- 6 **I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
 I am trusting Thee forever And for all.**

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SERMON

"Times of Refreshing"

Acts 3:1-4:12

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(after petitions, Pastor prays "Lord in your mercy" please pray, "Hear our prayer")

(after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In preparation for the Lord's supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together, **We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with the true body and blood of Your dear Son. Strengthen our faith in You and in our love for others in Your kingdom and throughout our community, country, and world, as we strive not only to see Your love, but also continue to grow in it and be nourished through faith as Your children. We rejoice in the grace You give; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

1 John 3:1a; Psalm 16:11b; Numbers 6:24–26

P: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;

C: and so we are.

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SENDING SONG "Come Thou Fount Come Thou King" by Robert Robinson, John Wyeth, Thomas Miller

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

POST SERVICE MUSIC

reprisal

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

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Note: (THEME: "The Resurrection Proclaimed and Affirmed – Testify to Love in the Spirit's Power")

HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

April 18 – April 25, 2021

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – "LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM. Please join us from 10:00 -11:00 am for a study of Luther's Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism. We are using the 2017 newer Catechism that has new updates in teaching about the cultural context we now have in our country and world. We have a few extra copies of the Small Catechism if you need one. Please speak with Pastor Jim.

HANGING BASKETS ON SALE LAST DAY TODAY - Hanging baskets from Gene Stark's Glacial Ridge Growers, Glenwood, are still available for purchase. Plants will cost \$25 and payment is requested at the time of your order. There will be a limited number available so members should plan accordingly. Baskets will be delivered to Holy Cross the Friday before Mother's Day. The fund-raiser will support food for Haiti.

VOTER'S MEETING - Will be held next Sunday, April 25 after the 9:00 am service. Elections for officers will take place at the voter's meeting. Please plan on attending and keep updated on the happenings at Holy Cross.

CLEAN UP DAY – Will be held Saturday, May 15 starting at 8:30am, if it is raining it will be postponed until the following Saturday, May 22, 2021. Please volunteer to help clean up the yard and church. More helpers make for quicker time.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME – We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 pm.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion	Brit Weimer
Lector:	Carol Albrecht
Ushers:	Dinah Gilberts
Acolyte:	Colin Kruse
AV:	Eric Brown
Offering Counters:	Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SERVING SUNDAY APRIL 25, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Dave Albrecht
Lector: Michele Lein
Ushers: Paige Westrum
Acolyte: Blake Dobberstein
AV: Dinah Gilberts
Offering Counters: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

**CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS
RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$20,928.50
Contributions received in March 2021 \$17,504.57

SUNDAY, April 11, 2021 9:00 am ATTENDANCE

Worship: 45 Drive-up Communion: 2
Communion: 41 Sunday School: 8 kids and 3 adults
Zoom:

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sun.	April 18	Third Sunday of Easter
	9:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00 – 11:00 am	Bible study and Sunday school
	11:15 – 11:45 am	Drive-Up Communion
Mon.	April 19	
	5:30 pm	Elder and Chairman Zoom Meeting
Tue.	April 20	
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Wed.	April 21	
	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
	7:00 pm	Informal Prayer in Sanctuary
Thurs.	April 22	
Fri.	April 23	
	9:30 am	Cleaning Crew
Sat.	April 24	
Sun.	April 25	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	9:00 am	Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00	Bible Study and Sunday School
	11:15 am	Drive-Up Communion



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